



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 21

September 27, 2026

10:30 A.M.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
in the Admiral District of West Seattle

*We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people,
including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present.*

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's.

Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Main theme from *On Golden Pond*

Dave Grusin (b. 1934)

At the sound of the church bell all rise as able.

Hymn

Come, Thou fount of every blessing

TUNE: *Nettleton*

Hymn 111 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my won - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*, Harm. Copyright © 1992.

“Ebenezer” is from the Hebrew *ebhen hā-’ezer* (stone of help).

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

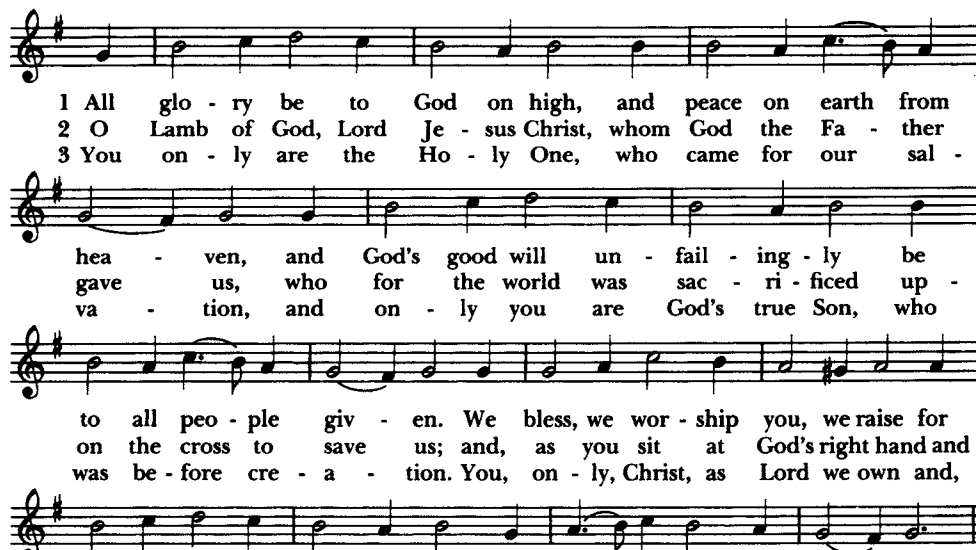
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

TUNE: *Allein Gott in der Höh*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

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The Collect of the Day

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

All children about age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go forward to the stairs in the front of the church for a prayer sending them and their leaders to Children's Chapel.

Presider Children of God, go forth to receive God's word. May it light your way, and fill your lives with hope and joy. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

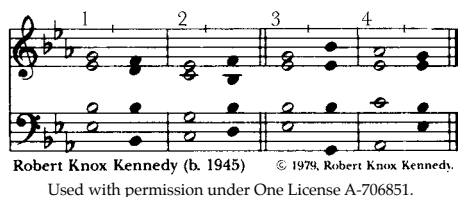
Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



The people sing with the cantor/choir on the **bold** verses.

Psalm 25: 1–8 • *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in / you; *
²let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over / me.
- 2 ³Let none who look to you be put to / shame; *
⁴let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 ¹**Show me your ways, O / LORD, ***
²**and teach me your / paths.**
- 4 ³**Lead me in your truth and teach / me, ***
⁴**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day / long.**
- 5 ¹Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, *
²for they are from ever- / lasting.
- 6 ³Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans- / gressions; *
⁴remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O / LORD.
- 7 ¹**Gracious and upright is the / LORD; ***
²**therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.**
- 8 ³**He guides the humble in doing / right ***
⁴**and teaches his way to the / lowly.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1–13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



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“For John came to you in the way of righteousness
and you did not believe him,
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him.”

— Matthew 21:32a

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 21:23–32

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Vince Booth

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Standing as able.

People We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: for Sean our presiding bishop, Phil our bishop,
Elise and Vince our priests; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you
in the community of the faithful. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church
of Bangladesh. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's/San Juan, Olympia;
St. Christopher's, Olympia; and St. David of Wales, Shelton. Equip us with compassion and
love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.
God of love,

People **hear our prayers for the church.**

Intercessor God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and
unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that
they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against
hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.
God of freedom,

People **hear our prayers for the world.**

Intercessor God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals
and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have voices we do
not hear, see, or recognize. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its
resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance
that you have given us.

God of justice,

People **hear our prayers for the earth.**

Intercessor God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble, especially _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,
People **hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Intercessor God of joy, we pray for this community and thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for _____, and those thanksgivings we offer silently or aloud. For the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, and the splendor of all God's creation. For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle gratitude in every heart. Grow in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all.

God of joy,
People **hear our prayers for this community.**

Intercessor God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially for _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,
People **hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

Said by all **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

You may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church,
please visit <https://SJBWestSeattle.org/give>
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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

— Ephesians 5:2

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees

TUNE: *Let Us Break Bread*

Hymn 152 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual

10 10 with Refrain

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Presentation

The congregation's gifts of money for the mission and ministry of St. John's and food for the Food Bank and Little Free Pantry are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Standing as able.

People All things come from you, O God, and from your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

Celebrant God be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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Please remain standing.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn 875 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of ten staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The'. The fourth staff contains 'bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be'. The sixth staff contains 'known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the'. The seventh staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though'. The eighth staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The ninth staff contains 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' and ends with a double bar line.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

To receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and stand or kneel at one of the cushions. To receive the bread (wafer), please hold your hands palms up, and the Presider will place a wafer in your hands. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding your hands palms down initially. If you do not wish to partake of the consecrated wine from the common chalice, you may consume the wafer at the altar rail or return to your seat to consume it.

To receive the wine, please consume your wafer, and then wait for the Eucharistic Minister to bring the common cup to you at the altar rail. Please do not attempt to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the common cup, but would like to receive the words of ministration, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when the Eucharistic Minister comes to you at the altar rail.

Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, when you come to the altar rail, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, and the Presider will greet you and offer God's blessing.

If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

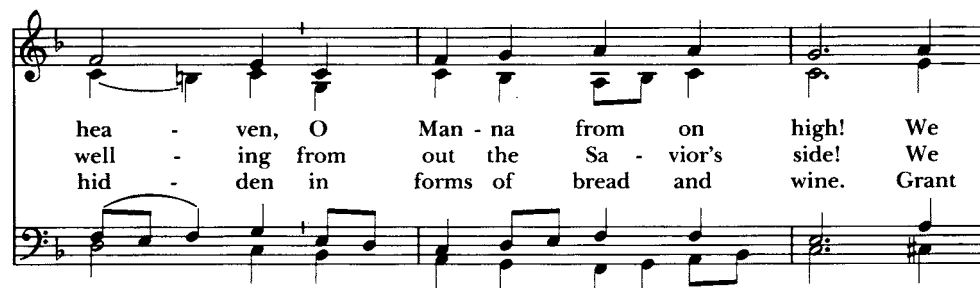
Hymn 309

O Food to pilgrims given

TUNE: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*



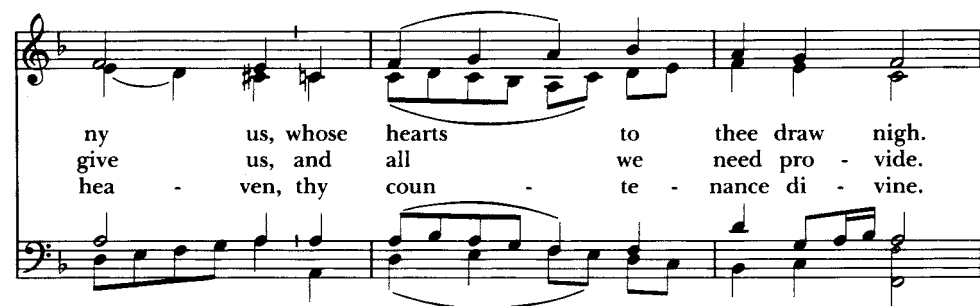
1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant



hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in



ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt.

Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.;
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Prayer for Those Worshipping at Home During the Time of Communion

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray.

People **O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

— from *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*, Forward Movement, 2014

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.

— William Sloane Coffin

And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 344

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

TUNE: *Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published
The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *On the Wind of Spirit*

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room
- 9:35 a.m. Adult Formation in the Library
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel in the Large Godly Play Room
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel
- 12:00 p.m. Walking Through the Bible in the Vesting Room
- 3:00 p.m. Reflection, Renewal, and Reengagement with Cn. Elise in the Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group in the Parish Hall

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Hosting coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service is a great way to share hospitality with members and visitors by providing simple snacks, preparing coffee, and offering a smiling face and warm presence on Sunday mornings. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. If you are interested, sign up on the yellow sheet in the Parish Hall or contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Cn. Elise Reflection, Renewal, and Reengagement Today at 3 p.m.

Please join the conversation at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall new location.

Youth Group Tonight at 7 p.m.

All 6th–12th graders and their parents are invited to come for pizza and conversation about plans and programming for Youth Group this year. Join us from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Bibles for Healthcare Facility in West Seattle

A local healthcare facility is asking for donations of soft-bound (paperback) copies of the Bible (with both the New and Old Testaments; the Gideon editions often do not have both) for their patients who find comfort in reading the Bible. If you have copies at home that you could donate, please bring them to the SJB Office or place them on the blue table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Cn. Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, everyone chooses a role and the bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end there is a short social time. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

Books & Bricks Global Fundraiser October 3

The mission of Books & Bricks Global is to promote and increase access to education for children in Africa. Join our community in action for our annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 3, 4–7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Enjoy raffles, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and more. Tickets cost \$30/person. For more information, visit www.booksandbricks.org

Blessing of the Animals October 4

In observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, you are invited to bring your pets to the SJB parking lot on Sunday, October 4, 1:30 p.m., for a blessing and celebration of their companionship in our lives. Please be sure to have your furry friend on a leash or in a carrier. This is a great day to invite friends and neighbors to SJB. Please contact the office with any questions. office@SJBWestSeattle.org

Men's Gathering October 10

Men of all ages (and their partners, friends, and neighbors) are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. Join us at Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, Saturday, October 10, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine, 206-817-2912.

White Center Welcome Table Meal October 10

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at New Beginnings Fellowship Church in White Center. If you'd like to make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

Pastoral Care Phone Number

SJB has a Pastoral Care Line: 206-471-9092. Cn. Elise or a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry will carry this dedicated mobile phone when the church office is closed. If they are unable to take your call, please leave a message, and they will reach out to you at their earliest opportunity.

As always, if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call **911**.
For a mental health emergency, call or text **988**.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in the Admiral District of West Seattle

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

If you are visiting with us, we would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the Episcopal Church or about St. John's. I'm Elise, the Rector (the priest in charge) of St. John's—I encourage you to reach out to me—I'd love to meet you!

Interested in Baptism?

In the Episcopal Church, we believe that Baptism by water and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church—regardless in which Christian tradition you may have been baptized.

If you are interested in Baptism, please reach out to me—I would love to talk with you about this.

As we like to say here, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's!

Welcome!

Elise+
elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office.

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Class of 2026

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John Hainze
Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Class of 2027

Linda Barson
Terry Brady
Lauren Cox
Mary Kay Jones,
junior warden

Class of 2028

Sten Crissey
Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone
Clerk
Carol Sutcliffe
Treasurer
Monte Frazier

Would you like to request that our Prayer Chain pray for you or someone you know? Would you like to add a name to the Prayers of the People? Please visit

<https://SJBWestSeattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, September 27	Spoken Holy Eucharist	8:30 AM, Nave
Sunday, September 27	Choir Practice	9:30 AM, Choir Room
Sunday, September 27	Adult Formation	9:35 AM, Library
Sunday, September 27	Holy Eucharist with Music	10:30 AM, Nave
Sunday, September 27	Walking through the Bible	12:00 PM, Vesting Room
Sunday, September 27	The Rev. Cn. Elise on Reflection, Renewal, and Reengagement	3:00 PM, Parish Hall
Sunday, September 27	Youth Group	7:00 PM, Parish Hall
Monday, September 28	Endolyne Choir Rehearsal*	4:00 PM, Parish Hall, Community Room
Monday, September 28	AA Shipwrecked*	6:00 PM, Community Room
Tuesday, September 29	Endolyne Choir Rehearsal*	4:00 PM, Parish Hall, Community Room
Tuesday, September 29	AA Into Action*	7:00 PM, Community Room
Wednesday, September 30	Evening Prayer	6:30 PM, Zoom
Thursday, October 1	Choir Practice	6:30 PM, Nave
Thursday, October 1	AA 12x12*	7:00 PM, Community Room
Friday, October 2	AA Shipwrecked*	6:00 PM, Community Room
Saturday, October 3	AI-Anon*	7:45 AM, Parish Hall, Community Room
Saturday, October 3	Books & Bricks Global Fundraiser*	4:00 PM, Parish Hall, Kitchen
Sunday, October 4	Spoken Holy Eucharist	8:30 AM, Nave
Sunday, October 4	Choir Practice	9:30 AM, Choir Room
Sunday, October 4	Adult Formation	9:35 AM, Library
Sunday, October 4	Children's Chapel	10:30 AM, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, October 4	Holy Eucharist with Music	10:30 AM, Nave
Sunday, October 4	Blessing of the Animals	1:30 PM, Parking Lot
Sunday, October 4	Worship at the Mount	3:00 PM, Providence Mount St. Vincent
Sunday, October 4	Youth Group	7:00 PM, Parish Hall

*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.